Methods of Assessment of Student Learning
(based on work by Peggy Maki, AAHE)

Methods that provide direct evidence of learning
- Student work samples
- Collections of student work/portfolios
  - Process portfolios
    - Practice in the skill of revising
    - Autobiographical reflective papers
    - Philosophical statements
  - Program portfolios
    - Documentation/collection of important work used by group/department for evaluation purposes
  - Presentation portfolios
    - Resumes
    - Collections of important work
    - Philosophical statements
- Capstone projects
- Laboratory experiments
- Course-embedded assessment, including locally developed tests, research papers, exams, reflective essays
- Presentations
- Panel discussions
- Performance in the fine arts and/or language
- Senior seminars and/or projects
- Observations of student behavior
- Internal juried review of student projects
- External juried review of student projects
- Internships (internally and/or externally reviewed)
- Performance on a case study/problem
- Performance on national licensure examinations
- Standardized tests
- Pre- and post- tests
- Essay tests blind scored across units

Methods that provide indirect evidence of learning
- Alumni, employer, student surveys
- Focus groups
- Exit interviews with graduates
- Graduate follow-up studies
- Percentages of students who transfer
- Retention studies
- Job placement statistics

Methods that do not provide evidence of learning
- Enrollment trends
- Patterns of how courses are selected or elected by students
- Faculty to student ratios
- Percentages of students who graduate within a certain time period
- Diversity of the student body
- Percentage of students who study abroad
- Size of the endowment
- Faculty publications (unless students are involved)